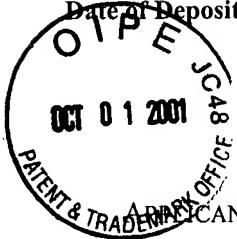


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : deFougerolles *et al.*
ASSIGNEE : CURAGEN CORP.
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/825,522 EXAMINER : Not Yet Assigned
FILING DATE : April 2, 2001 ART UNIT : 1743
FOR : METHODS OF IDENTIFYING LIGANDS USING DIFFERENTIAL GENE EXPRESSION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the May 31, 2001 Notice to File Missing Parts in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before October 1, 2001. A check (#10355) in the amount of \$400.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for the extension of time.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Reference No. 15966-747 (CURA 247). Should any questions or issues arise concerning this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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